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SUBJECT: TRILATERAL EXAMINATION - US FORCE PLANS

INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS PROVIDED USNATO WITH FOLLOWING PAPER
COVERING WAR RESERVE STOCKS AND QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION DURING
TRILATERAL EXAMINATION OF US FORCE PLANS. BEGIN QUOTE.

QUESTIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO BE DISCUSSED DURING
THE TRILATERAL EXAMINATIONS

ARMY
LEVEL OF WAR RESERVES

IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP
ON THE STUDY OF ALLIANCE DEFENCE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970'S(1)
THAT THE STATE AND LEVEL OF CURRENT WAR RESERVE HOLDINGS WOULD
BE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION DURING THE EXAMINATION FOR THE
1973 DEFENCE REVIEW.

IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THE ITEMS AND FIGURES PROVIDED
BY COUNTRIES IN THEIR REPLIES TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING
QUESTIONNAIRE ARE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME AS THOSE REPORTED TO SHAPE.
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QUESTIONS:

1. COULD THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES EXPLAIN THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TABLE III AND THE SHAPE TABLES

REGARDING THE WAR RESERVE STOCKS SITUATION AT
END-1972(2) AND PROVIDE A TABLE III OF DPQ(73)
RECONCILED WITH THE ITEMS AND FIGURES REPORTED IN THE
SHAPE TABLES IF NECESSARY? THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO
BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:

- CHANGES IN THE WAR RESERVE STOCK SITUATION THAT
CAN BE EXPECTED IN 1973 AND 1974;

- THE PROVISION OF A LEVEL OF STOCKS TO COVER A
MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS OF COMBAT(3) IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE NATO DEFICIENCIES.

2. ARE THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES IN A POSITION TO
GIVE AN ASSESSMENT OF WHICH DEFICIENCIES REPORTED BY
THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL REMAIN AFTER THE UPDATING
OF TABLE III?

3. WHICH ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE CRITICAL IN THE OPINION
OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES?

(1) AC/281-DS(73)12, 1ST AUGUST, 1973
(2) DRC(WR)WP(73)1, 9TH JULY, 1973 UNITED STATES
(3) APPENDIX B TO MC 55/2 AND SHAPE GUIDANCE FOR STOCKPILE
PLANNING SHAPE LETTER 12.20.16/18-3-1/67, 3RD JANUARY, 1967

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